

companies, particularly in Israel. The Ostrovs are dedicated to sharing their Jewish faith with the community through various charitable and volunteer activities. Their recent volunteer work has provided professional and strategic leadership to educate the community about Israel.

Nona and Dennis Drazin continue to serve with various organizations throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey. Dennis Drazin currently serves as President at Drazin and Warshaw, an esteemed position that oversees 12 attorneys and 40 support staff members. Dennis earned his Juris Doctorate from Dickinson School of Law and is a current member of multiple organizations including the Monmouth County, New Jersey and American Bar Associations. He often lectures for the American Bar Association and Monmouth Bar Association, among others. Dennis Drazin is also chairman of Elite Equine Consultants, providing advice and consultation for the Thoroughbred Horseman's Association. Nona Drazin is an alumna of the University of Pennsylvania and earned her Juris Doctorate in 1994 from American University. She has practiced law in Washington, DC and New Jersey. Nona was also employed by the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horseman's Association as their General Counsel and serves as President on their Board of Trustees. Until recently, she served two terms as an elected Trustee at Congregation B'nai Israel in Rumson, New Jersey. Nona was recently elected to the Monmouth Parks Charity Foundation's Board of Directors. The Ostrovs and Drazins continue to provide valuable and dedicated time to the Hand in Hand organization and the Monmouth County community.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking the Hand in Hand teen volunteers and congratulating the guests of honor for their service and dedication. Their efforts continue to enhance the lives of individuals throughout Monmouth County and New Jersey.

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PEYTON MOORE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Peyton Moore for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Peyton Moore is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Peyton Moore is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Peyton Moore for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chair, I stand today in opposition to this legislation because it provides funding for the fundamentally flawed and wasteful Delaware Deepening project. Prior to the Army Corps' recent decision to partially fund this \$300 million project, it had previously only been funded through Congressional earmarks for the previous 6 years.

In June of 2002 the General Accounting Office (report # GA0-02-604) found that the Army Corps grossly misrepresented the costs and benefits of the project. The GAO determined that the economic analysis provided for the project contained a number of "material errors," "miscalculations, invalid assumptions, and the use of significantly outdated information." Based on the GAO's findings, the benefit to cost ratio of the project is closer to 0.49 to 1 as opposed to the 1.4 to 1 originally asserted by the Army Corps. A re-analysis completed by the GAO in 2010 (report # GA0-10-420) came to the same conclusion that the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening would not provide a good return on investment for the taxpayers. The latest re-analysis completed by the Army Corps last year fails to re-examine the costs. It also makes highly questionable projections about future benefits based on limited historical data.

The OMB, at President Obama's direction, has said the federal government should only provide funding for projects that are a demonstrated benefit for the nation; i.e. projects that have a benefit cost ratio of at least 2.5 to 1. As noted by the Corps of Engineers, the Delaware River Deepening is the only navigation project nationwide that had a benefit cost ratio less than the 2.5 minimum criteria. Previous Presidents, both Democrat and Republican, have not supported this project because it makes no economic sense.

Mr. Chair, there also continues to be an overwhelming number of serious environmental concerns raised by state and federal environmental protection agencies and experts about the project's impact on drinking water, commercial and recreational fish, shellfish, wetlands, wildlife, water quality—not to mention the hundreds of millions of dollars of economic revenue and jobs these natural resources support. This project is an economic loser and Congress should not be in the business of funding old earmarks.

REYNA CANTOR-GUTIERREZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Reyna Cantor-Gutierrez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Reyna Cantor-Gutierrez is a 7th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Reyna Cantor-Gutierrez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Reyna Cantor-Gutierrez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,728,112,402,859.92. We've added \$5,101,235,353,946.84 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

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PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 5, 2012*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, with the Senate expected to consider the Paycheck Fairness Act today, it is imperative that the House get serious about addressing pay inequality for working women across the United States. The House version of the Paycheck Fairness Act, H.R. 1519, seeks to achieve this pay equality and fairness by holding employers accountable for sex-based pay discrimination.

On average, women earn only seventy-seven cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts, and that disparity can fluctuate even further across professions. For African American and Latina women, they are paid only 62 and 54 cents respectively for every dollar paid to their male counterparts. For countless families and single mothers trying to make ends meet, this wage disparity threatens their financial stability, and negatively impacts the livelihood of these women and their dependents.